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SUBJ: SPINY LOBSTER

1. THE PRIMIN PARTICIPATES IN A MONTHLY RADIO PROGRAM CALLED "CONTACT" IN WHICH HE IS INTERVIEWED BY FOUR MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO. THE FORMAT IS VERY MUCH LIKE "MEET THE PRESS." DURING LAST NIGHT'S PROGRAM, HE WAS QUERIED ON THE SPINY LOBSTER ISSUE. PARAGRAPHS WHICH FOLLOW REPORT THE EXCHANGE AS CARRIED IN THIS MORNING'S NASSAU GUARDIAN.

2. REPORT STATES THAT IN REPLY TO A QUESTION PRIMIN PINDLING STATED THAT THE NEW CONTINENTAL SHELF LEGISLATION "CONFINES THE CATCHING OF THAT CRAWFISH TO BAHAMIANS. IT MEANS THAT A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HITHERTO (HAVE) BEEN FISHING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE BAHAMAS WILL BY LAW BE EXCLUDED FROM DOING SO AND WILL SUFFER PENALTIES FOR

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DOING SO."

3. THE REPORT GOES ON TO STATE THAT MR. PINDLING REVEALED THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD ON THIS MATTER BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BAHAMAS AND THE UNITED STATES, BUT "IN TERMS OF NOT HAVING REACHED AN AGREEMENT." HE IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IS THAT "IT WILL BE EASIER TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT AFFECTING BAHAMIAN CITIZENS AND AMERICAN CITIZENS, BUT THE UNFORTUNATE AREA AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WHICH IS UNABLE TO LICENSE AMERICANS TO FISH IN AMERICAN TERRITORIES HAS BEEN LICENSING THOSE NON-AMERICANS TO FISH OUTSIDE AMERICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS."

4. MR. PINDLING FURTHER SAID, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THAT THE BAHAMAS WILL NOW SIT WITH THE AMERICANS TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS ANY BASIS TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT AND AT THE SAME TIME WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESIST ANY CONFRONTATIONS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF FROM A DIPLOMATIC POINT OF VIEW. HOWEVER, HE IS QUOTED AS FURTHER STATING "IT WILL PROBABLY HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT THIS YEAR (SIC) INSOFAR AS IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR BAHAMIAN FISHERMEN TO HARVEST MORE CRAWFISH. IT REDUCES THE COMPETITION FROM THE CUBAN AMERICAN ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. THE OVERALL BENEFITS WILL COME IN THE ENSUING YEARS AS THE BAHAMIAN FLEET INCREASES IN NUMBER AND THE BAHAMIAN FISHERMEN BECOME MORE SKILLED IN USING FISHING TRAPS AND OTHER IMPROVED TECHNIQUES WHICH ARE NOW ALLOWED BY BAHAMIAN LAW."

5. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ENDS WITH A CRYPTIC REFERENCE AS FOLLOWS: "MR. PINDLING SAID THAT THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO GET THE THEORY ON THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED FIRST BEFORE ANY MOVE WAS MADE IN RESPECT TO THE MILITARY BASES OR THE RIGHTS OF PASSAGE THROUGH BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS OR STRAITS." AS IS APPARENT, THIS LAST COMMENT APPARENTLY WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONCERNING U.S. BASES AND/OR LOS MATTERS, THOUGH THE NEWSPAPER REPORT DOES NOT SO IDENTIFY IT.

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